

with L, D-isomers. As is described in the patent application on pages 21-22, it was found that the pure L-isomers of the invention were far better inhibitors than the L, D-isomers. The difference was approximately three orders of magnitude, which is extremely significant. Prior to the experiments demonstrating the superiority of the pure L-isomers, this magnitude of difference in inhibitory capability could not have been predicted. Furthermore, the pure L-isomers are neither taught nor suggested in the '493 patent, and therefore the claims are not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). This rejection should therefore be withdrawn.

The claims were also rejected for overbreadth. The rejection has been met by the present amendment to the claims, which was suggested by the Examiner. Applicants submit this amendment without prejudice to the right to pursue broader claims in continuing applications.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby request that the period for response be extended three months to and including February 26, 1997. A check in the amount of \$465.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee.

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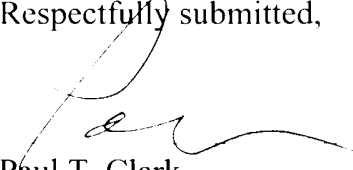
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